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His Worship John Tory
Mayor
City of Toronto
Second Floor, 100 Queen Street West
City Hall
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Tory:

I understand that you have scheduled a special meeting of Toronto City Council for Monday, August 20, to discuss the *Better Local Government Act*, which recently was passed and received Royal Assent. I'm very pleased that Toronto City Council will now be able to conduct business for the citizens of Toronto more efficiently and effectively while saving taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

As you know, on August 9, our government announced an additional \$25 million, on top of the \$76 million the province already provides to support the fight against guns and gangs in Toronto. These resources will be strategically targeted to ensure maximum impact in the fight to keep Toronto streets safe. At that time the Province of Ontario asked that the City, and the federal government match our unprecedented investment.

Mayor, I submit to you that the citizens of Toronto cannot wait for funding to help fight guns and gangs. Already in 2018, Toronto is on pace to have the deadliest gun-related homicide rate in years. This is unacceptable, and requires immediate action from all levels of government without reservation. I strongly believe that this issue requires rapid and decisive action from the City of Toronto and the federal government.

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I implore you, along with Toronto City Council to address this critical issue at your meeting on August 20 and add funding for guns and gangs to the City Council agenda. The people of Toronto, and by extension Ontario, need and deserve to feel safe in the city and our great province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doug" and last name "Ford" clearly distinguishable.

Doug Ford
Premier